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COUNTRY: (U) USSR (UR).
SUBJ: IIR 6 901 0562 86 SOVIET TROOP ROTATION
FROM AFGHANISTAN (U)
WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT. NOT
FINALLY EVALUATED INTEL.
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SOURCE: (U) A. MEMBER OF USDAO MOSCOW, USSR.
(U) B. NEWSPAPER, "RED STAR", 19 APR 86
(U) C. SOVIET TV NEWS BROADCAST "VREMYA",
18 APR 86.

SUMMARY: (U) BOTH "VREMYA" TV NEWS (18 APR 86) AND "RED
STAR" MILITARY NEWSPAPER (19 APR 86) PROVIDED FEATURE
COVERAGE OF SOVIET TROOPS RETURNING FROM AFGHANISTAN.

TEXT:

1. (U) "VREMYA" SOVIET EVENING TV NEWS BROADCAST,
18 APR 86, SHOWED A SHORT REPORT ON SOVIET TROOPS
ARRIVING IN TASHKENT //GEOCOORD 4123: 06918E//
FROM AFGHANISTAN. A FESTIVE WELCOMING RECEPTION WAS
ARRANGED AT THE AIRPORT. AIRBORNE TROOPS WERE
INTERVIEWED. TROOPS THEN STAGED A BRIEF MARCH OFF.
SOLDIERS WERE FIT LOOKING. "SPIT AND POLISH", AND
ENTHUSIASTIC.

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2. (U) "RED STAR" SOVIET MILITARY NEWSPAPER. 19 APR 86, DEVOTED A QUARTER OF A PAGE TO THE ROTATION OF SOVIET TROOPS FROM AFGHANISTAN, SPECIFICALLY THE GROUP ARRIVING IN TASHKENT, COVERED IN THE "VREMIA" TV NEWS. THESE TROOPS WERE CONSCRIPTS COMPLETING THEIR OBLIGATORY MILITARY SERVICE.

1. THIS FEATURE COVERAGE OF SOVIET FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN FOLLOWS THE TV PREMIERE. 17 APR 86, OF THE MILITARY DOCUMENTARY "ON AFGHAN SOIL". OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS THERE HAS BEEN STEPPED UP PUBLICITY ABOUT SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN. SOVIET MEDIA STRESSES SOVIET FULFILLMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DUTY, FRATERNAL AID AND CIVIC ACTION WORK, AND ALLEGES OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE (US AND ITS ALLIES, PRC, AND PAKISTAN) AND SUPPORT TO COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES AND RELIGIOUS FANATICS.

2. THE TROOP ROTATION OUT OF AFGHANISTAN IS THE NORMAL SEMI-ANNUAL DEMOBILIZATION OF TROOPS WHO HAVE FINISHED THEIR OBLIGATORY CONSCRIPT SERVICE. NO DRAG-DOWN OF TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN IS IMPLIED. THE CALL-UP OF NEW CONSCRIPTS IS ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE SOVIET